

## DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

Turtle Show

By DADDY

CHAPTER V

The Flying Messengers  
JANET had seen pigeons flying about outside Beautiful Girl's house. That is why she had run to the door.

Once she had heard that pigeons were swift message carriers. Perhaps these pigeons could bear letters between Bashful Boy and Beautiful Girl and thus hasten their wooing.

"Pigeons! Pigeons!" she cried. "Have you swift flyers among you?"

Only two pigeons answered the call. They alighted on the steps and looked at her.

"I am Homer Pigeon," cooed one of them. "And this is Carrie Pigeon. We are the swiftest flyers among the pigeons."

"And will you carry messages between Bashful Boy and Beautiful Girl, so they can hurry on their wooing and get married?" asked Janet.

"I am Homer Pigeon," cooed Carrie. "We have borne many messages, some in peace, some in war, but of all messages we like love messages best."

"Speed, sweet pigeon!" cried Beautiful Girl. "Bring my wedding day as quickly as you can."

Away hurried Homer Pigeon. He sped across the sky at the speed of an airplane.

Beautiful Girl was nervous as he waited for Homer Pigeon to deliver his letter and return. She danced through the house on busy errands. She fed the cock-in-the-Mud Tuna bits of liver to reward him for his faithfulness, and she gave him a little Habbie, a nice, plump cabbage to console him for losing his rare with the turtle.

An hour passed by, and then two hours.

"Do you think anything could have happened to Homer Pigeon?" Beautiful Girl asked anxiously.

"Perhaps he has not asleep."

"He is not here." The girl waggled his tail at Homer-Hop Rabbit.

But Homer Pigeon had not fallen asleep. At the end of the third hour a speck appeared in the distant sky. It grew larger and larger, and then with a flutter of wings Homer Pigeon dropped to the doorstep. Another letter was fastened to his leg.

"Letter Number 92," whispered Beautiful Girl as she kissed him. Her eyes ran quickly down the letter.

"Bashful Boy was delighted to get such a swift answer," she said. "He is eager to finish his wooing letters. He has thirty-eight more to send. If it takes three hours to carry one letter, it will take 114 hours to carry thirty-eight, which is almost five days."

"And pigeons don't fly at night," said Jack; "so it will really take twice five days."

"Ten days," groaned Beautiful Girl. "Ten days is too long to wait after waiting twenty years. Oh, that the message could fly as fast as my thoughts."

That gave Jack still another idea.

"You might as well fly as fast as thoughts," he cried. "You can have your wedding this very day."

(Can you guess what Jack plans to make the thirty-eight messages fly as fast as thoughts? The next chapter tells.)

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